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REMARKS

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25X1 1. After [redacted] the Panzer Kaserne at Bad Freienwalde quartered an estimated 4,500 men including about 1,500 cadre personnel, the remainder transients. About [redacted] October, a total of about 180 men [illegible] in details of 24 to 32 soldiers from the direction of the target range. The details apparently consisted of raw recruits.

25X1 2. [redacted], about 15 officers were seen practicing firing with pistols at targets in the billeting area. Almost no training activity was observed after [redacted] Prior to [redacted] trucks loaded with soldiers and baggage were daily seen proceeding to the railroad station or the town and returning from there loaded with soldiers and baggage. Individual soldiers carrying suitcases were also seen leaving and arriving at the installation. Large convoys of trucks used to arrive at the installation at night and leave toward the town on the following day. All the soldiers seen were luggage but did not carry arms. Transient soldiers had red-bordered black epaulets either without insignia or with artillery, tank and motor transport insignia. About noon [redacted] 800 to 1,000 soldiers who were overcoats and carried suitcases had fallen in in the billeting area. [redacted]

25X1 3. [redacted], about 1,000 men who were overcoats and carried suitcases had fallen in in the billeting area. At 10:30 a.m., about 10 trucks occupied to capacity had arrived from the direction of Bad Freienwalde. [redacted] 6 empty trucks including [redacted] coming from the direction of Bad Freienwalde entered the barracks installation. At 1 p.m., another 800 to 1,000 men had fallen in in the billeting area. At 1:15 p.m., five trucks occupied by soldiers with suitcases and overcoats left the barracks installation to Bad Freienwalde railroad station. [redacted] At 2 p.m., four trucks occupied to capacity by soldiers and one sedan left the barracks installation via Bad Freienwalde toward Wriezen. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station, a train of 30 boxcars loaded with personnel. The train had come from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder and proceeded toward Berlin. At 9 a.m. on 24 October, [redacted] about 1,500 soldiers fallen in in the adjoining area. A portion of the soldiers carried luggage and wore overcoats.

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5. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment. Already a previous report [redacted] indicated that just as in the preceding years a processing point for the annual personnel rotation of the Fourth Gds Army had been set up at the Panzer Kaserne, [redacted]. The present report confirmed that one shipment each with discharged personnel may have left Bad Freienwalde for the USSR on each day between 21 and 24 October, while a train with recruits from the USSR daily arrived during the same period. One train with returnees definitely arrived from Frankfurt/Oder on 21 October. [redacted] reported report saw a train carrying discharged personnel proceed toward Frankfurt/Oder on 24 October. The present report indicates that the barracks installation still quartered component units of the 6th Gds Tank Div. Elements of these units are still employed in East Berlin. [redacted]

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